

# CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST

MORE THAN A PLACE TO VISIT ~ IT'S WHERE WE LIVE

## A 10 YEAR REUNION OPEN TO ALL!

The Chugach National Forest is inviting you to reflect on the last decade of management under the current forest plan, share unique experiences on the Chugach, and consider the future of the Forest.

### Where were *You* in 2002?

Perhaps you rolled up your sleeves joining with the Forest Service to shape the identity of the Chugach and develop a roadmap for its management. Your work produced the Chugach National Forest's 2002 Revised Land and Resource Management Plan and directly influenced stewardship of the Forest. If you were unable to help then, there's another chance now and everyone is invited to contribute.

The Chugach National Forest has been selected as one of eight national forests across the country to start forest plan revision under a new planning rule for the National Forest System, finalized by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack on March 23, 2012. The Forest is currently in the early stages of preparing for plan revision, and is committed to incorporating strong public participation from the very beginning.

### Come join us at any one of the ten public sessions across Southcentral, Alaska:

- Share what you value about the Chugach National Forest.
- Inspire us with your thoughts on the Chugach's distinctive roles and contributions considering the social, economic and ecological characteristics of the plan area.
- Compare the opportunities and resources offered on the Chugach to those on neighboring lands.
- Reflect on where the Chugach has been in the last decade and what it is now.

### Meeting details

The meetings will be led by Dr. Shannon Donovan of the University of Alaska Anchorage. During the sessions, participants will be encouraged to share perspectives with each other in a variety of formats including maps, worksheets, and small group discussion. All meetings, with the exception of Cordova, start at 6pm. Cordova will begin at 6:30pm.

### Meeting Dates

April 16 -- Kenai/Soldotna: Kenai Peninsula College, Steffy Building
April 17 -- Cooper Landing: Cooper Landing Community Center
April 18 -- Moose Pass: Moose Pass School
April 19 -- Seward: Legends Building
April 24 -- Cordova: Masonic Lodge
April 26 -- Valdez: Prince William Sound Community College, Training Room
April 30 -- Hope: Hope School Gym
May 3 -- Whittier: Whittier School
May 8 -- Anchorage: University of Alaska Anchorage Rasmuson Room 110
May 10 -- Girdwood: Community Center

The timing is perfect to help us shape the future of the Chugach National Forest. Your contributions at these sessions will help inform the Forest's next plan revision, scheduled to begin in late 2012. In the coming months look for more information on forest plan revision on the Chugach website: [www.fs.usda.gov/chugach](http://www.fs.usda.gov/chugach).

### Can't make the meetings? Contribute online!

With the help of the University of Alaska Anchorage, we are launching an exciting new interactive mapping tool, scheduled to go live on April 16th. Watch for it at: [www.yourchugachforest.com](http://www.yourchugachforest.com).

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For more information on the new planning rule, please visit

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